

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
YUKAKO FUJIWARA : EXAMINER: ROGERS, JUNE M.
SERIAL NO: 10/518,549 :
FILED: JANUARY 3, 2005 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1612
FOR: VESICLE DISPERSION AND :
COSMETIC CONTAINING THE SAME :

ELECTION OF SPECIES RESPONSE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

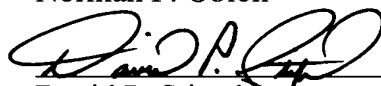
SIR:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement dated June 9, 2008, Applicants provisionally elect, for examination purposes only: (A) sucrose monostearate for the sucrose fatty acid ester; (B) ceramide 2 for the sphingosine or a derivative thereof; (C) water for the aqueous component; (D) isostearic acid for the branched fatty acid having a melting point of 80°C or less; (E) the optional sterol is absent; and (F) the optional drug is absent. Generic claims 17-22, 24-28 and 32-36 read on the elected species.

Pursuant to MPEP § 803.02, upon determining that the elected species is allowable, examination should be expanded to include a search of the non-elected species within the Markush group. Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance and notification to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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